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*To the*

RIGHT HON. HENRY AUSTIN BRUCE, M.P.,

*Secretary of State for the Home Department,*

*etc.,            etc.*

8 BRANDON PLACE,

GLASGOW, 3rd June, 1872.

SIR,

I have the honour to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE in the UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

I beg leave to state, that, having finished my preliminary education at Rugby School, I entered the University of Cambridge, where I obtained the degree of Master of Arts, having graduated in 1859, with Mathematical honours. I commenced the study of Medicine while at Cambridge, and from thence proceeded to Edinburgh where I completed my Medical Curriculum. I was appointed Resident Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, where I availed myself of the opportunities thus afforded me of acquiring a practical and scientific knowledge of my profession. Having obtained the Degree of Doctor of Medicine, as well as the Diplomas of the College of Physicians and the College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, I commenced practice in Glasgow in 1861, and since that time I have been engaged in active professional duty. I am one of the Physicians to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary; Physician to the Dispensary for Diseases of the Chest; and for five years I had the honour of Editing the *Glasgow Medical Journal*.

Since 1868 I have occupied the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian School of Medicine, and I have spared no pains to render myself an efficient Teacher of that branch of study, to which, for many years, I have devoted special attention. I have, moreover, had considerable experience in the Examination

of Students, as I am Examiner in Medical Jurisprudence for the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

In evidence of my attainments, I beg leave to lay before you the accompanying Testimonials, some of which I obtained when I was a Candidate for the Chair which I now hold. They represent the opinions of those who have had the best opportunities of judging of my professional and general qualifications for the office to which I aspire.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

PIERCE ADOLPHUS SIMPSON.



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# TESTIMONIALS.

## I.

*From* Sir WILLIAM JENNER, Bart., M.D., K.C.B., *Physician in Ordinary to the Queen.*

63 BROOK STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE,  
LONDON, *June*, 1872.

IT affords me very great pleasure to express the high opinion I entertain of DR. P. A. SIMPSON'S professional knowledge and position.

From personal knowledge of DR. SIMPSON, and from the opinions I have heard expressed by others on whose personal judgment I can rely, I am satisfied that he is excellently well qualified to fill the important chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow.

WILLIAM JENNER.

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## II.

*From* Sir ROBERT CHRISTISON, Bart., M.D., *Senior Physician to the Queen in Scotland; President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh; Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Edinburgh; formerly Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Edinburgh.*

EDINBURGH, *May* 28, 1872.

MY DEAR SIR,

The first qualification for a Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence is that he shall be a Medical and Surgical Practitioner of experience and judgment, and acquainted with pathological investigation. The next is, that he shall have an aptitude for Chemical research, and well grounded in the details of Practical Chemistry. The third is, that he shall, by mental constitution, exercise great

caution in forming his views, and discretion and moderation in expressing them. The last is, that, if possible, he shall be attractive in his manners, and clear in stating his propositions.

In all these respects you appear to me well qualified; and therefore I have no doubt that, as a Teacher of Medical Jurisprudence, you will be an important acquisition to any Medical School.

I am, yours most truly,

ROBERT CHRISTISON.

P. A. SIMPSON, ESQ., M.D.

### III.

*From* DOUGLAS MACLAGAN, M.D., *Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Edinburgh.*

28 HERIOT ROW,

EDINBURGH, 30th May, 1872.

MY DEAR SIR,

In reference to your candidature for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow, I do not think that I can do better than ask you to lay before the Home Secretary the testimonial which I gave you when you were the successful candidate for the corresponding Chair in the Andersonian Medical School.

The experience which you have there had as a Teacher of Medical Jurisprudence, and the success of your prelections, to which your professional brethren in Glasgow will more particularly speak, are marked additions to your qualifications, and the circumstance of your having been appointed Examiner on Medical Jurisprudence in the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, is a further advantage in reference to the Chair in a University where Examination forms an important part of Professorial duty.

Believe me, my dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

DOUGLAS MACLAGAN.

DR. P. A. SIMPSON.

*(The following is the Testimonial above referred to.)*

EDINBURGH, 10th July, 1868.

I HAVE much pleasure in expressing my belief that Dr. P. A. SIMPSON is well qualified for the office of Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University. DR. SIMPSON was a pupil of my class of Materia Medica in the Extra-Academical School here, during the session of 1859, and attracted my attention by the evidence which he gave of thorough preliminary education, and by the earnest enquiring spirit in which he devoted himself to his professional studies.

The teaching of Medical Jurisprudence requires not only an acquaintance with Medicine and Surgery as branches of practice, but also a knowledge of the several departments of science which are auxiliary to the study of Medicine. With all this information I know that DR. SIMPSON is thoroughly furnished; and I feel confident that, from his zeal and energy, he will bring it to bear effectually on the minds of those who may be his pupils; and will, if appointed to the office which he seeks, prove to be an efficient Teacher.

DOUGLAS MACLAGAN.

#### IV.

*From W. LEISHMAN, M.D., Regius Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow; late Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University.*

156 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 1st June, 1872.

MY DEAR DR. SIMPSON,

You are at perfect liberty to use the testimonial which I gave you four years ago, when you were a Candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian. I am glad to think that the success which I then ventured to predict has been more than realised; and I shall only



add that, should you be selected for recommendation to her Majesty as the successor of Dr. Rainy, it will give me the highest possible satisfaction to hail you as a Colleague.

Yours very faithfully,

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

DR. P. A. SIMPSON.

*(The following is the Testimonial above referred to.)*

156 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 10th July, 1868.

MY DEAR DR. SIMPSON,

Although my official connection with the Andersonian School has ceased, it will always be a gratification to me to see the Chair now vacant worthily filled. It was this feeling that prompted me to urge you to become a Candidate for it, and now impels me to add what weight my testimony may involve in expressing the very high opinion which I entertain of your qualifications to teach Medical Jurisprudence.

An education so liberal as that which it was your good fortune to obtain is rare in our profession; and it is rarer still to find a man who has so zealously availed himself of the inestimable advantages thus afforded him. Of your general professional attainments I have had ample proof during a familiar intercourse of many years; but what I would wish more especially to urge on your behalf, on this occasion, is the peculiar aptitude which, to my mind, you have displayed for teaching the subject of the vacant Chair. This is evinced, *firstly*, by the fact of your having attained such high distinction at Cambridge in Mathematics, showing the capacity of your mind for *exact* investigation; *secondly*, by the experience you have had in practical Chemistry, and the dexterity with which you conduct Chemical manipulation; and, *thirdly*, the extent of your professional literary attainments, which naturally studious habits, and perhaps your experience as Editor of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, have done much to mature.

If to these qualifications I add a courteous and gentlemanly demeanour, and an elegant and fluent manner of expressing yourself in public, I need do no more than respectfully express to the Trustees my firm conviction that your appointment to the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence would strengthen the power of the School for good, and would reflect credit upon them.

Sincerely wishing you success,

I remain, my dear DR. SIMPSON,

Yours most faithfully,

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

DR. P. A. SIMPSON.

## V.

*From* HENRY D. LITTLEJOHN, M.D., F.R.C.S., *Member of Council and of the Examining Board of the Royal College of Surgeons; Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence at Surgeons' Hall; Medical Officer of Health for Edinburgh; Examiner on Medical Jurisprudence for the University of St. Andrews.*

24 ROYAL CIRCUS,  
EDINBURGH, 1st June, 1872.

DR. P. A. SIMPSON is well known to me as a successful Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University, Glasgow. I have frequently had occasion to examine students who had attended his Lectures, and I have uniformly been struck with the thoroughness of their knowledge, and with the satisfactory manner in which they passed their examinations.

DR. SIMPSON, as Editor of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, established his position as a highly educated medical man, conversant with the various departments of medicine, and as a necessity brought much into contact with the members of the Medical Profession in the West of Scotland—a point of no small importance, when we consider the delicate



relations which may exist between the Profession and the Professor who may be called upon to advise the Crown in criminal cases.

DR. SIMPSON'S high reputation as a Lecturer, and his standing as a Physician constitute, in my opinion, very strong claims to the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow.

HENRY D. LITTLEJOHN.

## VI.

*From* ANDREW BUCHANAN, M.D., *Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, University of Glasgow.*

4 ATHOLE PLACE,  
GLASGOW, 1st June, 1872.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have had the pleasure of knowing you since you commenced medical practice in Glasgow, having had various opportunities of meeting with you, both privately and in consultation. I consider you well versed in the principles of your profession and in the practical application of them. You have acted as Physician to the Dispensary for Diseases of the Chest ever since the opening of that useful establishment, and have made a special study of the class of diseases which are there submitted to your treatment.

In addition to your more strictly professional duties, you rendered good service to the cause of Medicine by becoming Editor of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*—a most useful periodical—which you conducted with much spirit and ability. The combination which you display of medical with literary qualifications—the latter the fruit of an ample general education, begun at Rugby and terminated at the University of Cambridge—peculiarly fits you to undertake the office of a public Teacher of Medicine.

Four years ago you were appointed to the office of Lecturer on Forensic Medicine in the Andersonian Medical

School. You having performed the duties of that office up to the present time to the satisfaction of your colleagues, cannot but be regarded as the best guarantee of your fitness to perform the same duties in the University of Glasgow. I need scarcely add that, personally, it will give me great pleasure to welcome you as a Colleague.

Wishing you success,

I remain, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

ANDREW BUCHANAN.

P. A. SIMPSON, Esq., M.D.

## VII.

*From* JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., *Surgeon to the Lord-Lieutenant's Household, Dublin Castle; Professor of Surgery in the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland; Surgeon to Jervis Street Hospital; Consulting Surgeon to the Coombe Hospital; Ex-President of the Pathological Society of Dublin; Corresponding Fellow of the Medical Society of London.*

1 MERRION SQUARE, WEST,

DUBLIN, 1st June, 1872.

I HAVE had the pleasure of being intimately acquainted with DR. PIERCE ADOLPHUS SIMPSON ever since he commenced his medical studies, and from the innumerable opportunities afforded me of becoming familiar with his talents and acquirements, as well as from his hitherto very successful career, I consider him a gentleman eminently qualified to fill the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow, of which Institution I have the honour to be a Graduate in Medicine.

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES.

## VIII.

*From G. M. HUMPHRY, M.D., F.R.S., Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital; Professor of Anatomy in the University of Cambridge.*

CAMBRIDGE, 1st June, 1872.

I KNEW DR. SIMPSON very well during his residence in the University of Cambridge, where he prosecuted his studies heartily and effectually in the Medical School and at Addenbrooke's Hospital. His cheerful, unpretending, straightforward character made him a great favourite with us all; and his zeal, ability, and the sound knowledge of his profession which he has in many ways shown, would, I am convinced, render him an admirable and popular teacher of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow.

GEORGE M. HUMPHRY.

## IX.

*From GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.D., Professor of Anatomy in Anderson's University, Glasgow; Surgeon to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, etc.*

184 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, June 1st, 1872.

UNDERSTANDING that DR. P. A. SIMPSON is a candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow, I have much pleasure in testifying to his fitness for that office. DR. SIMPSON has been intimately known to me since he came to Glasgow, and I feel qualified to express my opinion of him. Of his preliminary education I shall leave others to speak, but I know that after he graduated with Mathematical honours at Cambridge, he passed through a very complete curriculum of Medical study in Edinburgh. Since he came to Glasgow he has successfully pursued his professional calling, and obtained



an honourable position among the Practitioners of Glasgow.

Since 1868 he has officiated as one of the Physicians to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, in which capacity he has cultivated the more scientific aspects of Medical practice, and obtained practical experience in the teaching of students. In 1868 he was appointed Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University, and as a colleague, I know that he has been much appreciated by his students. As a Lecturer he is clear and impressive; his experiments in Toxicology are neat and conclusive; and in the general conduct of his class he has gained great popularity. I have therefore good grounds for strongly urging his claims to the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow.

GEORGE BUCHANAN.

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X.

*From T. E. THORPE, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry in Anderson's University, Glasgow.*

GLASGOW, 30th May, 1872.

I HAVE great pleasure in bearing testimony to the high claims possessed by DR. PIERCE A. SIMPSON for the appointment of Professor of Medical Jurisprudence at the University of Glasgow. DR. SIMPSON has held the Professorship of Medical Jurisprudence in this Institution for four years, during which time he has earned the confidence and esteem of Students and Colleagues. I have frequently had occasion to discuss scientific questions with DR. SIMPSON, and I have been often struck with the thoroughness of his knowledge of the chemical matters connected with his subject. I have heard but one opinion as to his ability and success as a Lecturer; his aptitude to teach, the clearness of his apprehension, and the lucidity of his expositions,

have rendered him highly popular ; and I am sure that our satisfaction at learning that he had succeeded in his present application would be tempered by regret in the loss which we ourselves should sustain. With high qualifications, with extensive chemical experience gained at Cambridge, and with the ample opportunities of familiarising himself with the duties of the position which he has here enjoyed, I cannot doubt that his appointment to the Professorship which he solicits would redound to the advantage of the Students, and to the honour and credit of the University of Glasgow.

T. E. THORPE.

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## XI.

*From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, M.D., Professor of Practice of Medicine in Anderson's University, Glasgow; Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, etc.*

14 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,  
GLASGOW, 29th May, 1872.

I HAVE much pleasure in offering my testimony in favour of DR. P. A. SIMPSON, who is a Candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow. He has received a first-rate general and professional education, as is amply shown by his holding the degree of Master of Arts (with honours) of the University of Cambridge, and by the estimation in which he is held by his professional brethren. For some years he has devoted himself very specially to the study of Medical Jurisprudence, and four years ago he was appointed Professor of that branch of knowledge in Anderson's University. In this capacity he has spared no pains in the preparation and in the illus-



tration of his lectures, and has proved himself no less acceptable as a Teacher than as a Colleague. He is, moreover, Examiner in Medical Jurisprudence to the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. I have, therefore, every confidence that, if appointed to the vacant Chair in the University of Glasgow, he will discharge the duties of the office with much credit and success.

T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

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## XII.

*From J. G. WILSON, M.D., Professor of Midwifery at Anderson's University, Glasgow; Vice-President of the Obstetrical Society of London, etc.*

9 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,  
GLASGOW, 1st June, 1872.

I HAVE very great pleasure and satisfaction in expressing in this manner the high opinion I entertain of DR. P. A. SIMPSON, and of his eminent qualifications for the Chair of Forensic Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

DR. SIMPSON has very high claims to advance as a Candidate for that Chair. He has for several years devoted very special attention to Medical Jurisprudence, and has lectured with rare ability and success in that branch of Medicine in Anderson's University.

While the elevation of DR. SIMPSON to the vacant Chair would be a fitting recognition of his labours, his removal from Anderson's University would, I feel persuaded, be a great loss to that Medical School.

J. G. WILSON.

## XIII.

*From* EBENEZER WATSON, M.A., M.D., *Professor of Physiology in Anderson's University; Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.*

2 NEWTON TERRACE,  
GLASGOW, 30th May, 1872.

UNDERSTANDING that DR. P. A. SIMPSON is a Candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence, now vacant in the University of Glasgow, I have the greatest pleasure in bearing testimony to his eminent fitness for that position.

DR. SIMPSON has for several years been Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University, and is distinguished for the efficient manner in which he performs his duties there. He is not only a successful Experimentalist, but a very popular Lecturer; and therefore, although I shall regret to lose him as a Colleague, I have no hesitation in stating that I believe he would be a very valuable addition to the Medical Faculty of the University of Glasgow.

EBEN. WATSON.

## XIV.

*From* JAMES MORTON, M.D., *Professor of Materia Medica in Anderson's University; Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.*

199 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 1st June, 1872.

HAVING learned that DR. P. A. SIMPSON is a Candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence, now vacant in the University of Glasgow, I have pleasure in bearing testimony to his merits. He has enjoyed the benefit of a very liberal education, completed at the University of Cambridge,

previous to the usual Medical Curriculum. For some years DR. SIMPSON has conducted, with acceptance and success, the Forensic Class in Anderson's University, and he is an Examiner in that department of study for the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. These circumstances are sufficient to commend him to the favourable consideration of the advisers of the Crown, and justify me in declaring that, if appointed, he will discharge the duties of the Chair with zeal and efficiency.

JAMES MORTON.

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XV.

*From JAMES DUNLOP, M.D., Professor of Surgery in Anderson's University; Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary and Lock Hospital; Medical Examiner in Criminal Cases for the Sheriff Courts of Lanarkshire.*

17 CARLTON PLACE,  
GLASGOW, 1st June, 1872.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I believe Dr. P. A. SIMPSON would ably fill the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow, and from his literary ability and scientific attainments, be a worthy successor to Dr. Harry Rainy. DR. SIMPSON has already proved himself to be an accomplished and successful Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University; and, from his experience as a Physician in the Royal Infirmary, and as an Examiner on Forensic Medicine in the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, he is peculiarly well qualified to occupy the honourable position to which he aspires.

JAS. DUNLOP.



## XVI.

*From STUDENTS of the ANDERSONIAN UNIVERSITY.*

HAVING learned that Professor RAINY has retired from the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in Glasgow University, which he has filled so long and so worthily, we the undersigned Senior Medical Students who have attended DR. SIMPSON'S Lectures on Forensic Medicine, at Anderson's University, desire to record our highest appreciation of his ability and attainments as a Medical Jurist, and to bear our testimony to his great success as a Teacher.

While it is true that his removal to fill the vacant Chair in the University of Glasgow would cause a loss to the "Andersonian" of one of her most gifted Professors, the obligation he has placed us under, by his unceasing efforts for our progress and welfare, leaves us no choice but to seek to aid in the preferment of one whom we delight to honour.

Signed,

E. MILLNER, L.F.P.S. AND L.S.A.  
 F. K. MARCH, L.R.C.P., L.F.P.S., L.S.A.  
 C. B. PLOWRIGHT, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.  
 JNO. SETTLE, L.R.C.P. AND S.  
 ED. SCHUSTER, L.R.C.P. AND S.  
 H. CUNNINGHAM, L.R.C.P. AND L.F.P.S.  
 FRANK EDWARDS, L.R.C.P. AND L.F.P.S.  
 W. H. H. STROTHER, L.R.C.P. AND L.F.P.S.  
 A. E. HAWKES, L.R.C.P. AND S.  
 LEO. MIDDLEMISS, L.R.C.P. AND L.F.P.S.  
 LAWRENCE S. M'KENZIE, L.R.C.P. AND S.  
 S. C. SMITH, L.R.C.P. AND S.  
 W. J. H. WOOD, L.R.C.P. AND S.  
 WM. MACGREGOR, L.R.C.P. ASST. PHYS. ABERDEEN  
 LUNATIC ASYLUM.  
 R. MARTIN, L.R.C.P.  
 R. C. MOFFAT, PH.D., F.R.S., EDIN.  
 JOHN CAMPBELL, L.R.C.P. AND L.F.P.S.  
 WM. BERRY, L.R.C.P. AND S.  
 ROBERT JACK, M.R.C.S. AND L.S.A.  
 W. H. THOMPSON, L.R.C.P., EDIN. ; L.R.C.S., EDIN.  
 CORNELIUS A. COLMER.  
 WM. SPEIRS.  
 JAMES DAWSON.  
 J. E. N. WHITLOCK.  
 T. D. MOFFAT.  
 A. T. MOFFAT.

W. H. WOODBURN.  
 ROBERT M'KILLUP.  
 G. W. DALSTON.  
 ROBERT S. SIMPSON.  
 ROBERT WALLACE.  
 JAMES GRANT.  
 WM. VERNON.  
 G. M. HIRONS.  
 JOHN T. GRIFFITHS.  
 HENRY WILLETT.  
 WM. M. PREES.  
 W. A. WHEATLEY.  
 W. H. BROWNLIE.  
 T. C. CLARK.  
 THOS. MILLERCHIP.  
 WM. WILLIAMS.  
 JAS. STEWART.  
 A. D. STEWART.  
 WM. BURNSIDE.  
 JAS. J. LACE.  
 WM. M. CAMPBELL.  
 JAS. KIRKLAND.  
 F. SLANE.  
 ALEXANDER MILLER.  
 GILBERT CAMPBELL.  
 G. W. COLE.  
 THOS. DEWHURST.  
 JOHN BARLOW.  
 REGINALD TOVEY.  
 W. S. L. LAW.

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XVII.

*From WILLIAM LYON, M.D., Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow; formerly Surgeon to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.*

WEST GEORGE STREET,  
 GLASGOW, 1st June, 1872.

I HAVE for many years intimately known DR. PIERCE ADOLPHUS SIMPSON, Master of Arts of the University of Cambridge, where he graduated with Mathematical honours. He is one of the Physicians to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and for several years he was Editor of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*.

I have frequently attended in consultation with DR. SIMPSON, and I have asked and obtained his valuable



assistance and advice in departments of Medicine to which he has directed special study, and wherein he has rendered himself an acknowledged expert.

I have acted as his substitute at the Dispensary for Diseases of the Chest, and have there observed his extensive field for obtaining experience, his very methodical arrangements, and his adoption of the most skilful treatment.

DR. SIMPSON has repeatedly had charge of my practice,—on one occasion for five or six months,—and always to the satisfaction and advantage of my patients as well as myself; and from these and other opportunities for observation, I think I am able to appreciate, and entitled to affirm, his high capabilities for the appointment he now seeks, of Professor of Forensic Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

Manner, accuracy, and fluency of speech, constitute some, although the minor, recommendations in a lecturer. They are secondary, of course, to literary and scientific acquirements, professional knowledge, skill, and experience; all of these, however, DR. SIMPSON possesses in an eminent degree.

When DR. SIMPSON was a Candidate for the Lectureship on Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University, I expressed my strong conviction that, if appointed, he would make a very successful Teacher. My anticipations have been more than realised by the large number of Students whom his prelections have attracted.

As an additional proof of DR. SIMPSON'S professional status and attainments, the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow appointed him their Examiner in Medical Jurisprudence. As a member of the same Examining Board, I have had numerous opportunities for appreciating his great efficiency as an Examiner, and I am convinced that should DR. SIMPSON be appointed to the Chair which he now solicits, the University of Glasgow will gain an efficient and deservedly popular Professor.

WILLIAM LYON.

## XVIII.

*From W. T. GAIRDNER, M.D., Professor of Practice of Medicine,  
University of Glasgow.*

GLASGOW, 7th July, 1868.

ON looking over the following statement of DR. SIMPSON'S qualifications, I am unable to find any words more expressive of my opinion as to his fitness to occupy a Chair of Medical Science. I would only add, with special reference to a Lectureship on Forensic Medicine, that DR. SIMPSON had ample opportunities, when in Edinburgh, of becoming well acquainted with the anatomy both of healthy and morbid textures; and that, in his editorship of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, he has shown qualities which recommend him as well fitted for the exposition of a subject demanding such varied reading, and wide culture of Medical Science in all its departments, as that of the Chair now vacant by the translation of Dr. Leishman to the University.

W. T. GAIRDNER.

*(The following is the Testimonial above referred to.)*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,  
14th December, 1865.

HAVING heard that DR. PIERCE ADOLPHUS SIMPSON is a Candidate for the Lectureship on Practice of Medicine in Anderson's University, I beg to offer him the following Testimonial:—

In 1859, DR. SIMPSON, who had studied both in Arts and in Medicine at the University of Cambridge, was introduced to me in so favourable a manner, that after a short acquaintance I was led to offer him the appointment of Resident Physician in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. While acting under me in that capacity, he very soon gained the warm friendship and esteem of all connected with the Royal Infirmary, by his obvious zeal for his profession, his constancy and good faith in the discharge of duty, and his

uniformly kind and gentlemanly conduct. Having been associated with him in the treatment of many most anxious and puzzling cases, I can further declare that in his intelligent judgment, professional skill, and manly truthfulness of character, I had at all times the most perfect confidence, which was justified and confirmed by his conduct in that most responsible position.

After DR. SIMPSON'S settlement in Glasgow, our intercourse did not cease. It became no longer possible to think of DR. SIMPSON as a pupil, but I learned to esteem him more and more as a friend and professional colleague. I have had occasional opportunities of meeting him in practice, and always with a renewed feeling of his eminently judicious and critical appreciation of Medicine as a Science and as an Art. The very successful and unostentatious work done in connection with the Dispensary for Chest Diseases has further contributed to convince me that DR. SIMPSON has the qualifications and the legitimate ambition, as well as the practical skill, requisite for a Teacher of Medicine.

It is scarcely necessary to add that DR. SIMPSON writes and speaks like a highly educated gentleman, having the interests of his profession at heart. With an hospital appointment (which I trust he may aspire to ere long), there is no professional eminence which his friends may not reasonably hope to see him attain.

W. T. GAIRDNER.

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## XIX.

*From J. G. FLEMING, M.D., President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; Member of the General Medical Council.*

BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1868.

DR. PIERCE ADOLPHUS SIMPSON has informed me that he is a Candidate for the Chair of Forensic Medicine in the Andersonian University, and I have pleasure in bearing my testimony to his high qualifications for the office.



DR. SIMPSON received a most liberal literary and professional education; and that he has an excellent and comprehensive knowledge of his profession, obtained from extensive opportunities of study and of practice, he has shown by his ability to investigate and write.

I feel satisfied he will make an efficient and zealous Teacher of Medical Jurisprudence.

J. G. FLEMING.

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XX.

*From* GEO. H. B. MACLEOD, M.D., *Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Professor of Surgery, University of Glasgow.*

10 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,  
GLASGOW, 9th July, 1868.

IT gives me much satisfaction to learn that DR. P. A. SIMPSON is a Candidate for the Chair in Anderson's University, vacant by the removal of Dr. Leishman to the College, as I believe that, from his abilities, education, energy, and personal character, DR. SIMPSON is admirably fitted to perform the duties of the Lectureship. To one so deeply interested as I am in the success of the School, it is gratifying to anticipate that so able a successor can be found for Dr. Leishman; and I am well convinced that DR. SIMPSON'S appointment would be a most satisfactory one as regards the prosperity and interests of the School.

GEO. H. B. MACLEOD.

## XXI.

*From J. WARBURTON BEGBIE, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.*

EDINBURGH, 10th July, 1868.

DR. P. A. SIMPSON is well known to me as a highly-educated and accomplished Physician. I have no doubt that his appointment to the vacant Chair in the Andersonian University would largely contribute to the efficiency of that Institution.

J. WARBURTON BEGBIE.

## XXII.

*From the late A. D. ANDERSON, M.D., Ed., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; Fellow and late President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, etc.*

159 ST. VINCENT STREET,  
GLASGOW, 14th July, 1868.

IT is unnecessary, and might be reckoned presumptuous in me to enumerate to the Trustees of Anderson's University the various qualifications required for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence now vacant. My own qualification to give a trustworthy opinion may be doubted, but in complying with the request of my friend DR. SIMPSON, to give him a Testimonial, I do so with a strict regard to the best interests of this useful Institution, and of the Medical School in connection with it.

Medical Jurisprudence, as a Science, may be said to have been born, and to have well-nigh attained majority, during the half century of my past professional career. I have not therefore been—I could not well be—an unobservant witness of its importance and rapid progress. That progress, in my opinion, is very far from being completed; and the election now about to take place, may be an important step in its history.



I have had the pleasure of knowing DR. PIERCE ADOLPHUS SIMPSON ever since he came to reside in Glasgow, and I am sufficiently acquainted with his previous history, and with his general and professional character and acquirements, to enable me with confidence to certify his fitness for the office for which he now applies. I have no hesitation therefore, as a Trustee, and nearest relative of the Founder, in strongly recommending him to the favourable notice of my brother Electors.

A. DUNLOP ANDERSON, M.D.

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XXIII.

*From the late ALLAN DALZELL, M.D., Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh; Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh; Assistant Lecturer on Chemistry, University of Edinburgh.*

PHYSICIANS' HALL,  
EDINBURGH, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 1868.

DEAR SIR,

I have much pleasure in expressing my strong conviction of your entire fitness for a Professorship of Medical Jurisprudence.

When you were a Student in the University of Edinburgh, you greatly excelled in that care and neatness which are required in Chemical manipulation. My impression, formed at the time you were with me as an advanced Student in the Practical Laboratory, was that I would at any time have entrusted the care and teaching of my class to yourself.

It is difficult, without saying more than a concise testimonial ought to contain, to state all the points on which I consider your Chemical acquirements to be of the kind to give you the highest claim for the appointment for which you are a Candidate.

Most certainly I consider them ample; and in addition to scientific qualifications, your character, habits, and manners are such as to ensure for you the esteem of all who have the pleasure of your acquaintance.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

A. DALZELL.

#### XXIV.

*From the late REV. A. V. HADLEY, M.A. (Senior Wrangler), late Fellow and Tutor of St. John's College, Cambridge, and one of the Members of the Council of that University; formerly one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.*

PRESTON, 22nd December, 1865.

DR. P. A. SIMPSON, M.A., of the University of Cambridge, was a private pupil of mine in Mathematics for the two years preceding the examination for his degree in 1859, when he graduated successfully in Mathematical honours.

I have much pleasure in stating that he was one of the most painstaking and persevering of my pupils, never allowing a single point to pass by without mastering its difficulties, and comprehending the principles involved.

From my own personal acquaintance with him, which became very intimate, I found that this love for investigation and desire of accurate knowledge extended to other branches of study than Mathematics, and from it I augured well as to his future success in his profession.

A. V. HADLEY.



